



Olathe Fire Department

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WEATHERING WINTER WEATHER

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(OLATHE, Kan.) – As winter weather blankets the metro and more approaches, remember a few safety tips to make your home safer:

- ◆ A National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration or NOAA weather radio alerts you to weather watches and warnings in your area.
- ◆ Smoke alarms should be either battery-powered or have a battery back-up in case you lose power.
- ◆ Keep space heaters at least three feet away from anything that can burn - "SPACE HEATERS NEED SPACE."
- ◆ Heat sources using kerosene, propane or natural gas can cause a build-up of carbon monoxide or CO in the home if they are not vented or vented improperly.
- ◆ In case of power loss, operate generators outside of the home to avoid a build-up of CO and always follow manufacturer's recommendations.
- ◆ Avoid conditions like frostbite and hypothermia or low body temperature by dressing warm in layers and limiting your exposure to the cold.
- ◆ Be cautious when walking outside to avoid slips and falls.
- ◆ Travel only when road conditions allow for safe passage.
- ◆ When traveling, plan your trip; match your speed to road conditions; leave early and allow extra time for travel; keep a car kit on hand with things like a windshield scraper and small broom for snow and ice removal, blankets, flashlight with batteries, first aid kit, extra clothing, shovel, tools, booster cables, ready-to-eat food, water container, tow rope or chains, map and compass; and always buckle up!

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